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25X1X THE SOURCE EVALUATIONS IN THIS REPORT ARE DEFINITIVE.
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25X1 1. Soviet warship proceeding on a westerly course at moderate speed, and showing a small bow wave, passed first informant's ship at a distance of 1,000 meters, while on the prescribed swept channel 1, between positions 12 and 14 in the Baltic Sea. Informant noticed the Soviet war ensign flying at the gaff. The vessel carried a gun of an estimated 75 mm caliber on the foredeck, and some antiaircraft guns on the fantail. A signal mast, with a gaff, was aft of the bridge, and a short, thick, smokestack, which was separate from the bridge, had two crossed flags or similar marks on each side. 25X1

25X1 2. Soviet vessel about 45 meters long, with a light gray hull and superstructures, passed second informant's ship on the prescribed swept channel 1 near position N 54-34.3, E 12-19. It had a signal mast, with a gaff, on the bridge; the mast, seen end on, seemed to be rather bulky and, informant believed, was armored. The ship had a short smokestack with a narrow, black, topband or hood. Four, red, cross-shaped objects, which could not be distinguished, were at the side of the stack. Informant believed that they might have been fire axes. Vessel had one gun on the foredeck, and several antiaircraft guns behind protective shields in various emplacements on the upper deck. Informant's vessel dipped the colors, and the dip was returned 25X1

25X1 3. Soviet warship steering course 60 degrees true, was met as third informant's ship passed near the wreck of the former German ship GNEISENAU. The had a continuous deck, a small, thick smokestack, and a signal mast, with a crow's nest, on the bridge. The ship was armed with one gun on the foredeck, and several antiaircraft guns of the afterdeck. 25X1

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